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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING DATA FLOW IN A
NETWORK SWITCH

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 25, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 9.